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In re application of		)
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Serial No.:	10/685,798	) Art Unit
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Filed:	October 15, 2003	)
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For:	RETURN PATH TRANSMITTER WITH EXTENDED DIGITAL PROCESSING CIRCUITRY	)
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Examiner:	Dzung D. Tran	)
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Customer No.:	022913	)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2008, 2008 (the "Office Action"). In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as three (3) patentably distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-5 and 7-16, drawn to a return path transmitter for use in conjunction with a local system that generates an analog RF data signal to be conveyed to a head end system, the return path comprises a digital processing circuitry configured to digitally process the first data stream and create corresponding digitally processed data, classified in class 398, subclass 25;